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VA Establishes 'Orange' Office

WASHINGTON — The Veterans Administration has organized a special office to deal exclusively with questions about the herbicide Agent Orange.

Charles T. Hagel, VA Deputy Administrator, who heads the Agent Orange Policy Coordinating Committee, said creation of the Agent Orange Research and Education Office should ensure clear policy guidance and solid management of the many Agent Orange related activities.

"The VA should lead the way in resolving the Agent Orange question through our medical and scientific research projects, and I believe the formation of this new office is a step in the right direction," Hagel said.

"It is my intention that this new office become the single focal point for all VA Agent Orange matters and it provide guidance and oversight for all of these activities," he said.

The office will be headed by Maurice LeVois, a Ph. D. candidate in health psychology and health systems research at the University of California Medical Center in San Francisco.

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